

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1-20, as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method performed by a computer including a processor and a memory unit coupled to the processor, the method comprising:

providing access to information stored in the memory unit related to a plurality of government approved charities;

searching for at least one of ~~[[said]]~~ the charities in the formation stored in the memory unit;

receiving, from an employee of an employer, donation information including recurring billing information, donor information related to a donor, a donation amount, employer information related to an employer of the donor, and charity information related to a charity ~~to donate to~~;

if the processor determines that the ~~receiving~~ received data from the employee stored in the memory unit indicates ~~indicating~~ that the employer~~[[:]]~~

~~[[a)]]~~ will gift match at least a portion of the donation amount, ~~[[; and]]~~

~~b) should be granted~~ granting access rights to the employer to verify the donation information~~[[;]]~~ and

verifying, by the processor, the donation information on behalf of the employer by, at least:

a) confirming that a payment from the employee for the donation amount was processed~~[[; and]]~~,

b) verifying that the charity ~~selected by the employee~~ is a government approved charity by, at least, searching at least one of: an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) database and a third-party database of government approved charities~~[[;]], and~~

c) generating a receipt for the employer by, at least:

i) searching the memory unit for information related to gift matching forms specific to the employer~~[[;]]~~;

ii) selecting a particular form based, at least in part, on the charity ~~selected by the employee~~; information stored in the memory unit,

iii) completing the selected gift matching form specific to the employer based on the donation information~~[[;]]~~ stored in the memory unit, and

iv) forwarding the completed form to the employer; and
~~activating processing~~, after the verifying, a gift matching payment on behalf of the employer.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the method ~~donation engine is located~~ performed in an online environment.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the donation information further includes loyalty point donation information.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the donation information further includes gift matching information.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the providing access to a plurality of government approved charities includes providing access to all government approved 501(c) charities.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the providing access to a plurality of government approved charities includes providing access to all government approved 501(c) charities via a donation portal.

7. (Currently Amended) A donation method performed by a computer including a processor and a memory unit coupled to the processor, ~~[[said]]~~ the method comprising:

~~accessing~~ providing access to an online donation portal, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the donation portal is configured to provide access to a plurality of government approved charities;

searching for charity information stored in the memory unit related to at least one of ~~[[said]]~~ the charities using a search function of ~~[[said]]~~ the donation portal;

~~entering~~, storing in the memory unit destination information received from an employee of an employer, ~~donation information into said donation portal~~, wherein the donation information includes recurring billing information, donor information related to a donor, a donation amount, employer information related to an employer of the donor, and charity information related to a charity; ~~to donate to~~;

~~receiving~~ if the processor determines that the data received from the employee and stored in the memory unit ~~indicating~~ indicates that the employer~~[[:]]~~

~~[[a)]]~~ will gift match at least a portion of the donation amount, ~~[[; and]]~~

~~b) should be granted~~ granting access rights to the employer to verify the donation information~~[[;]]~~ and

verifying, by the processor, the donation information on behalf of the employer by, at least:

a) confirming that a payment from the employee for the donation amount was processed; and

b) verifying that the charity ~~selected by the employee~~ is a government approved charity by, at least, searching at least one of: an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) database and a third-party database of government approved charities;

c) generating a receipt for the employer by, at least:

i) searching the memory unit for information related to gift matching forms specific to the employer;

ii) selecting a particular form based, at least in part, on the charity ~~selected by the employee~~; information stored in the memory unit;

iii) completing the selected gift matching form specific to the employer based on the donation information stored in the memory unit; and

iv) forwarding the completed form to the employer; and

~~activating~~ processing, after the verifying, a gift matching payment on behalf of the employer.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the donation information further includes loyalty point donation information.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the donation information further includes gift matching information.

10. (Currently Amended) A donation method performed by a computer including a processor and a memory unit coupled to the processor, ~~[[said]]~~ the method comprising:

~~accessing~~ providing access to at least one of a plurality of accessible government approved charities;

storing in the memory unit ~~receiving~~ donation information received from an employee of an employer, wherein the donation information includes loyalty point information, donor information related to a donor, a donation amount, employer information related to an employer of the donor, and charity information related to a charity; ~~to donate to~~;

if the processor determines that the employee information stored in the memory unit indicates ~~receiving data from the employee indicating~~ that the employer~~[[;]]~~

~~[[a)]]~~ will gift match at least a portion of the donation amount~~[[; and]]~~

~~b) should be granted~~ granting access rights to the employer to verify the donation information~~[[;]]~~ and;

verifying, by the processor, the donation information on behalf of the employer by, at least:

a) confirming that a payment from the employee for the donation amount was processed; and

b) verifying that the charity ~~selected by the employee~~ is a government approved charity by, at least, searching at least one of: an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) database and a third-party database of government approved charities;

c) generating a receipt for the employer by, at least:

- i) searching the memory unit for information related to gift matching forms specific to the employer;
- ii) selecting a particular form based, at least in part, on the charity ~~selected by the employee;~~ information stored in the memory unit;
- iii) completing the selected gift matching form specific to the employer based on the donation information stored in the memory unit; and
- iv) forwarding the completed form to the employer; and
~~activating processing,~~ after the verifying, a gift matching payment on behalf of the employer.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the receiving donation information further includes receiving recurring billing information.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the receiving donation information further includes receiving gift matching information.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the accessing at least one of a plurality of accessible government approved charities includes accessing at least one of all government approved 501(c) charities.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the accessing at least one of a plurality of accessible government approved charities includes accessing at least one of all government approved 501(c) charities via a donation portal.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10, further comprising, verifying the loyalty point information by communicating with at least one third party, ~~[[said]]~~ the third party including at least one of: a financial institution, a charity, a loyalty point issuer, and a government entity authorized to approve charities.

16. (Currently Amended) An online donation method performed by a computer including a processor and a memory unit coupled to the processor, ~~[[said]]~~ the method comprising:

~~accessing~~ providing access to at least one of a plurality of accessible government approved charities;

storing in the memory unit ~~receiving~~ donation information received from an employee of an employer, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the donation information includes gift matching information, donor information related to a donor, a donation amount, employer information related to an employer of the donor, and charity information related to a charity; ~~to donate to~~;

~~receiving~~ if the processor determines that the employer information stored in the memory unit indicates ~~data from the employee indicating~~ that the employer~~[[:]]~~

~~[[a)]]~~ will gift match at least a portion of the donation amount, ~~[[; and]]~~

~~b) should be granted~~ granting access rights to the employer to verify the donation information stored in the memory unit;

verifying, by the processor, the donation information on behalf of the employer by, at least:

a) confirming that a payment from the employee for the donation amount was processed; and

b) verifying that the charity ~~selected by the employee~~ is a government approved charity by, at least, searching at least one of: an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) database and a third-party database of government approved charities;

c) generating a receipt for the employer by, at least:

i) searching the memory unit for information related to gift matching forms specific to the employer;

ii) selecting a particular form based, at least in part, on the charity ~~selected by the employee~~; information stored in the memory unit;

iii) completing the selected gift matching form specific to the employer based on the donation information stored in the memory unit; and

iv) forwarding the completed form to the employer; and
~~activating processing~~, after the verifying, a gift matching payment on behalf of the employer.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the donation information includes loyalty point donation information.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the donation information further includes recurring billing information.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein the accessing includes providing at least one of: listing capabilities, searching capabilities, and selecting capabilities.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 16, further comprising, verifying the gift matching information by communicating with at least one third party, ~~[[said]]~~ the third party including at least one of: an employer, a financial institution, and the Internal Revenue Service.